



Esteban Curbelo Velez

March 13, 1932 - January 23, 2021

Esteban (Steve) Curbelo Velez, 88, passed away on 23 January 2021 in Gainesville, Virginia. Born 13 March 1932 in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, he married the love of his life, Maria Tosado Zamot, on 4 September 1952. He served as a Private First Class for the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he received the Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Together with his wife, they settled down in Manassas, Virginia where they raised their five children. Esteban worked for Turners Glass Company before going on his own to open and operate Mirror & Glass Discount. He was an avid bowler and had many friends at the original Bowl America Bowling Lanes on Mathis Avenue. Esteban was, and enjoyed being, the life of the party. He especially loved driving around town in "La Bamba", his old school Pontiac convertible. He and Maria enjoyed their retirement life in Lynchburg, Virginia. He will always be remembered for his boisterous voice, his flashy tropical shirts, but most of all, for the love and pride he had for his family.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by his children Steve (Jean), Wilson (Trina), Rose Duddleson (Mike), Priscilla Horn, and Brenda Boyce (John); 11 grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and two great-great grandsons, with another on the way.

Due to current pandemic conditions, the funeral service and burial will be private and held at a later date at Quantico National Cemetery. In lieu of

flowers, donations can be made in Esteban's name to the Alzheimer's Association by visiting alz.org.

The family would like to thank all of the wonderful care givers and medical staff that helped take care of Esteban, especially long-time care giver Corinta Chambers.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Steve and Family, Jo and I are truly saddened by the loss of your father, he was truly a man with a great heart, loved everybody, poor or rich, he always could make you smile and feel so great. Truly another one of the great ones gone from Manassas. Prayers for your entire family during this sad time. He truly is now in a better place than we are. God Bless The Entire Velez Family During This Sad Time.



Joanna/Lester Leonard - February 03, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of Steve’s passing, bowled with him for many years. He was always fun to be around. His favorite joke with me anytime I brought a girl to the bowling alley with me was that she was too young for me but just right for him. He had such a great sense of humor, I will always have great memories of bowling pot games with Steve. May he Rest In Peace!

John Reid - February 02, 2021 at 08:57 PM

SA

“ I am fortunate to have lived 26 years with my great grandfather. I am fortunate to have so many memories of him, and every single one brings an immediate smile to my face. While my heart is heavy that no more memories will be made, it is so full of the ones that I do have. Hasta luego, Granddad.

Sadie - January 31, 2021 at 09:48 AM

MS

“ I will always remember: Sunday dinners, bowling alley mischief, summer crab feasts, that tricked out van, a glove compartment full of parking tickets from DC, but most of all, I will remember a life well lived. We will miss you always. Love you granddad.



Michellr Sortzi - January 28, 2021 at 11:27 PM

PH

“ My Dad had a saying he would start everyday with before he walked over the threshold of his bedroom. “Thank you Jesus for another day”. He was grateful for everyday. He was a man who adored his wife, cried when he looked at her told her she was beautiful everyday. He loved his family was proud of his Puerto Rican heritage. He worked hard, played hard and was not afraid to show his love to his family and children. He was kind to everyone and made a mark on everyone’s heart he came in contact. He would bring homeless to the house and feed them. He taught his children respect and love for others. My dad I love you so much you will be deeply missed, though my heart grieves at my loss I know you’re in heaven. Until we meet again face to face know that the great love you showed us will take us through life forever. Rise on the wings of Angels and dance on the streets of gold with Jesus.

Priscilla Horn - January 28, 2021 at 02:42 PM

RB

So sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was a kind soul for sure

Ron Bochette - January 28, 2021 at 05:27 PM

LJ

I'm sorry for your families loss, I know he will be missed but always remember this is only temporary, eventually we will all be reunited and what a glorious day that will be. Just think of all who were waiting to greet him. God Bless all of you, Love Lynda

Lynda Jackson - January 30, 2021 at 07:56 PM

SH

I just found out about Steve's passing! It is with a broken heart I send my condolences and love to this beautiful family! I have known the Velez family since 1957!!!

sue michael howell - March 18, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Granddad- you were always the life of the party and wanting to help everyone. We will never forget all the crazy family parties, spiking the punch at Christmas, and all the bowling alley trips. We love you.*

Kelley Jacobs - January 28, 2021 at 12:21 PM

DJ

“ *Brenda and family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I'm keeping you all in my prayers and wishing you everything your hearts need for comfort during this sad and difficult time.*

Dale (Potts) Jepson - January 28, 2021 at 10:41 AM